



# PDC NEWS

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## Public Disclosure Commission

**Earl Tilly, Chair**  
**Jane Noland, Vice-Chair**  
**Bill Brumsickle, Secretary**  
**Mike Connelly, Member**  
**Ken Schellberg, Member**

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### Election of Officers

Commissioner **Jane Noland** of Seattle was elected chair of the Public Disclosure Commission to succeed current chair **Earl Tilly** effective July 1. Commissioner **Bill Brumsickle** from Centralia, the current Secretary, was elected vice-chair and **Ken Schellberg** from Bellingham was elected the new secretary. Commissioner Tilly will continue to serve as a member until his term expires December 31, 2007. **Mike Connelly** of Spokane remains a member.

### Enforcement

The Commission accepted a stipulation as to facts, violations, and penalty entered into between **Mac Setter** and PDC staff. **Setter** stipulated to a penalty of \$2,500 with \$500 suspended for failing to timely file campaign disclosure reports when he was a 2004 candidate for Whatcom County Superior Court Judge. Campaign deposits totaling \$38,250 were reported between 22 and 473 days late and expenditures totaling \$45,872 were reported between 7 and 458 days late.

### Requests for Review:

**League of Women Voters**, a lobbyist employer, requested that the Commission review the April 27, 2006 Brief Enforcement Hearing decision that found a violation of RCW 42.17.180 for failing to timely file an annual lobbyist employer report (PDC Form L-3) and assessed a \$150 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the final order.

**Washington Farm Forestry Association**, a lobbyist employer, requested that the Commission review the April 27, 2006 Brief Enforcement Hearing decision that found a violation of RCW 42.17.180 for failing to timely file an annual lobbyist employer report (PDC Form L-3) and assessed a \$150 civil penalty. No motion was made to change the final order.

**Washington Council of Trout Unlimited**, a lobbyist employer, requested that the Commission 1) review the April 27, 2006 Brief Enforcement Hearing decision that found a violation of RCW 42.17.180 for failing to timely file an annual lobbyist employer report (PDC Form L-3) and assessed a \$150 civil penalty and 2) accept the Council's Statement of Understanding acknowledging that the report was filed late and \$100 penalty. The request for review was granted. The Commission vacated the Order from the April hearing and accepted the Statement of Understanding after receiving and considering new information that the PDC staff's filing reminders and hearing notice were delayed in reaching Trout Unlimited.

### Reporting Modifications:

The Commission renewed a reporting modification for **Margaret Stanley**, Member of the Public Employees Benefits Board/Healthcare Authority, without an exemption from reporting governmental and business customers of Regence/Blue Shield of which she is no longer an officer.

The Commission renewed reporting modifications, with no changes, for:

- **Kenneth Alhadeff**, Regent, Washington State University
- **Bruce Allen**, Director, Highland School District #203
- **Richard Baldwin**, Director, Northshore School District #417
- **Jeffrey Brotman**, Regent, University of Washington
- **Rueven Carlyle**, Member, State Board of Community & Technical Colleges
- **Bruce Dammeier**, Director, Puyallup School District #3
- **Richard Hartman**, Director, Montesano School District #066
- **Leslie Jones**, Trustee, Central Washington University
- **Richard Jones**, Judge, King County Superior Court
- **James Rogers**, Judge, King County Superior Court
- **Mark Thompson**, Commissioner, Black Lake Fire Protection District #5
- **Nancy Whitten**, Council Member, City of Sammamish
- **Diane Wilhite**, Council Member, City of Spokane Valley

### **Rulemaking**

The Commission held public hearings and adopted the following new emergency rules to implement Chapter 348, Laws of 2006 (3<sup>rd</sup> SHB 1226):

**WAC 390-05-522 Place of Business – Definition.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 348, Laws of 2006. (Emergency rule effective June 7, 2006)

**WAC 390-05-527 Definition – Spent.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 348, Laws of 2006. (Emergency rule effective May 31, 2006)

The Commission held a public hearing and adopted language amending:

**WAC 290-16-050 Forms for contributions and expenditures by out-of-state political committees** was amended to include a new section required by Chapter 348, Laws of 2006. (Emergency amendment effective June 7, 2006)

### **Advisory Matters**

The Commission agreed with staff that an out-of-state committee is one that 1) meets the criteria in RCW 42.17.093, 2) maintains its official headquarters in the District of Columbia or a state other than Washington, or 3) for a committee with no official headquarters, the treasurer lives in the District of Columbia or a state other than Washington.

The Commission accepted staff's changes to PDC Interpretations 01-03 (Guidelines for School Districts in Election Campaigns) and 04-02 (Guidelines for Local Government Agencies in Election Campaigns) to harmonize them with Chapter 215, Laws of 2006.

The Commission meeting materials may be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) under **Commission Meetings** at **Meeting Agendas and Materials**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at [landerson@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:landerson@pdc.wa.gov).

The next special meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission is tentatively scheduled for June 29, 2006.
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